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Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy Grants for Public School Districts

Audience: Business Managers, Principals, Superintendents, School boards

The Vermont Department of Public Service has ARRA funds available for public school districts for energy projects. Initial applications are **due December 8, 2009**, and comprehensive proposals are due in February. For the complete RFP and application instructions, visit

http://education.vermont.gov/new/html/pgm_construction.html#block.

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Requirement: ARRA State Fiscal Stabilization Survey

Audience: Principals, Superintendents

As you may know, Vermont is eligible to receive approximately \$94 million through the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) Statewide Fiscal Stabilization Fund. In FY 2010 the state received \$63 million, which will go in large part to support school budgets for FY2010 and 2011. In order to receive the remaining \$31 million, the state must have an approved State Plan reporting on several data elements, including the types of systems used to evaluate teachers and principals in our state. DOE sent a survey directly to principals and superintendents on Monday. This is only designed to collect information in order for Vermont to be eligible for future funds, and will not be used for any other purpose. The department must collect this information from every school in the state in order to submit our report in December. The survey is **due December 1, 2009**.

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Student Support Team Newsletter – November 2009

Audience: Special Educators

This newsletter provides an opportunity for the student support division to share some of the great work going on in schools around the state and serves as a resource of new information and materials available to educators. The division includes teams responsible for the educational support system (ESS), interagency coordination, data, BEST, monitoring & special education. View the newsletter at

http://education.vermont.gov/new/html/pgm_ess.html#newsletter.

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REMINDER: Kindergarten Readiness Survey for 2009-2010 Due November 30

Audience: Superintendents, Elementary Principals, Kindergarten Teachers

The Department of Education and the Agency of Human Services (AHS) request the support and assistance of superintendents, principals and kindergarten teachers in completing the Kindergarten Readiness Survey. This annual data collection enables the department/agency to monitor Vermont's progress toward the outcome of "all" children are ready for school. This year, the survey will be conducted online using Survey Monkey. Due to concerns raised by the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) about protecting child level data online, neither the department nor AHS are asking teachers to provide any identifying information about themselves or their students; only that teachers enter the AHS district in which their school is located. **The deadline for completing the online survey is November 30, 2009.** Visit http://education.vermont.gov/new/html/pgm_earlyed.html#readiness to view the complete memo, a letter for kindergarten teachers, and the link to the survey.

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